

REMARKS

The title of the subject application is being amended to replace the term "blanket" with the term "dressing." The term "blanket" is understood, in some contexts, to be more limiting than the term "dressing." The claims recite the term "dressing." This requested change in title does not introduce any new matter.

In response to the first Restriction Requirement of April 17, 2008, applicants selected claims 81-127. Claims 128-157 were withdrawn from consideration. Those claims have now been cancelled. Applicants again expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional patent applications directed to those claims.

In the current, second Restriction Requirement, the Examiner asserted that there are ten inventions or groups of inventions, all of which are linked by independent claim 81, which was indicated, in the second Restriction Requirement, as being not allowable in view of the teachings of at least U.S. 5,074,212 or U.S. 6,260,482. In response, claim 81 has been amended slightly to more clearly conform it to allowed claim 1 in European Application No. 04712580.2, which will issue as European Patent No. 1 608 512. It is believed that claim 81 is allowable and that the claims which depend from it are also allowable.


The claims of Groups 1, 2 and 4-10 have been withdrawn from consideration pending the allowance of independent claim 81. As indicated by Examiner Evanisko, these claims will be rejoined upon the indication of the allowability of independent claim 81.

An early and favorable Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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